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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56 and in accordance with 37 CFR §1.97 et. seq., Applicants, through and by their attorney, hereby direct the Examiner's attention to the documents enclosed.

A filled in form listing the enclosed U.S. Patents, European publications, and journal publications is presented herewith for the Examiner's review and convenience. A copy of each of the listed documents is enclosed.

The Examiner is requested to independently review these cited documents for their relevance to the present case.

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